also include proposals to meet the requirements of Madhya Pradesh.

Joint Venture by IOC, GAIL and ONGC

3909. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has bleen drawn to the, newsitem published in the Financial Express, New Delhi dated the 14th August, 1996 captioned "IOC, Oil Majors join hands for 10-bn. Liquified Natural Gas project";

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the rationale behind the joint venture and how IOC, GAIL and ONGC would contribute in expertise in the multi-faceted project; and

(c) how foreign partners would be selected indicating financial commitments, annual production capacity of L.N.G. and whether any feasibility Report is ready in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) GAIL has identified Ennore and Mangalore as possible locations for LNG import terminals and has proposed setting up terminals with the initial capacity of 2.5 million metric tonnes per annum each. GAIL has also proposed the formation of a joint venture company with IOC and ONGC as major partners to make use of IOC's experience in international trade and ONGC's expertise in gas field developments etc. Foreign partners would be selected through a transparent process based on the price of LNG and other terms and conditions offered. The feasibility study for the LNG terminals is yet to be taken up.

Updating of Land Records

3910. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government for updating the land records by the end of Eighth five year Plan;

(b) the State-wise proposals as on date;

(c) the year by which the land records in the country are expected to be updated; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) the Government of India cannot and, hence, have not fixed any target for updating the land records by the end of 8th Five Year Plan. The updation of land records comes under exclusive legal and administrative jurisdiction of the State Government.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Updation of land records is a continuous process. As per the respective State laws, field level revenue officials at various stages, arc empowered to update land records by incorporating the changes in ownership through sale, gift etc., through mutation in accordance with law of succession and also by changing the revenue settlement map, as and when necessary or when periodical revisional settlements are taken up and when the scheme of consolidation of agricultural holdings is implemented by the concerned authorities. Not only the ownership but also the records pertaining to rights of the users of the land under certain terms of lease, tenancy or shareholdings do also form the process of updation of land recordes, for the aforesaid reasons, the process of updation shall always remain as a continuous process.

(d) This Ministry, however, through Centrally Sponsored Schemes of